

REMARKS

Restriction Requirement / Election of Species:

Applicant elects the claims of Group I, being 15-37 and 39-40, for examination. In addition, Applicant elects species I shown in Fig. 1 for examination. Claims 15 to 24, 26 to 34, 36, 37, 39 and 40 read on the elected species of invention.

Claims 38, 41 and 42 are hereby withdrawn as being drawn to a non-elected invention; and claims 25 and 35 are hereby withdrawn as being drawn to non-elected species of the elected invention.

Note: Claims 15, 26, 36 and 39 are generic.

Claim Amendments:

Claims 15, 26, 36 and 39 have been amended to be directed to systems for applying compression to a "body part" instead of a "limb". This amendment was made to have consistency in claim language, and to have proper antecedent basis in the claims. Support for this amendment is found throughout the specification and in the claims. For example, claims 16, 24, 25, 27, 34, 35 and 36 all included the term "body part".

Conclusion:

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.1136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 50-1990 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

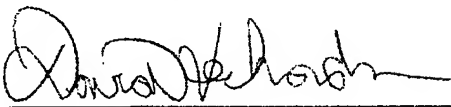
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The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned if there are any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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